



Fatality #23 - November 19, 2003

Other - NV - Gold Ore

Barrick Gold Strike Mines, Inc. - Goldstrike Mine

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On November 19, 2003, a 38-year-old trainer, with 14 years experience, was fatally injured at a surface gold operation. A maintenance crew was repairing a pipeline valve gasket for one of the roasters in the mill and left the area to get some parts. About that time, the victim walked through the area, and received burns when hot calcine dust released through an open pipeline, and hit him. He fell 30 feet, to the concrete floor below.



1. Valve where gasket was being replaced.

2. Victim apparently fell 30 feet from this level.

Best Practices

- Establish safe procedures prior to performing any maintenance work and ensure employees are implementing them.
- Identify hazards associated with the task to be performed and implement measures to ensure persons are properly protected. Barricade the area and post signs to warn others where hazards may be present.
- Ensure pipelines are empty and free of blockage before any work is performed.
- Effectively lockout or otherwise positively secure all manual and automatic feeds to processes, including electrical, mechanical, gaseous, and any other energy sources, prior to beginning maintenance work.

This is the 23rd fatality reported in calendar year 2003 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2002, there were 38 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the second fatality classified as "other" in 2003. There were four other fatalities in the same period in 2002.